

Afghanistan MATOC's
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Question and Answer Set #3

QUESTION 1: Specification Section 01010, paragraph 2.1.1 requires the Master Site Plan submitted at NTP+20, however in paragraph 3.0 of the same section it indicates NTP+30 and in submittals 01335 it appears that it is due as part of the 65% Design at NTP+30. We are assuming it is required at NTP+30 is that correct?

ANSWER 1: No. The Master Site Plan is due at NTP+20 as stated in Section 01010, paragraph 2.1.1. The Master Site Plan should include a preliminary layout of the Border Police Compound facilities considering the existing site characteristics and adjacent properties. This will be corrected in a forthcoming Amendment.

QUESTION 2: It would appear that the Master Site Plan required in Section 01010 paragraph 2.1.1 and the Area Use Plan required in Section 01060 paragraph 1.2 contain essentially the same information. Can this be one submittal submitted at NTP+30 as part of the 65% Design submittal?

ANSWER 2: No. The Area Use Plan is for the contractor lay down and work area as it relates to the site in general. Before the contractor can start to bring his equipment and supplies to the site the Area Use Plan must be accepted by the government. The Master Site Plan is for fine tuning the site plan for the project itself. The Area Use Pan is due NTP+20. This will be corrected in a forthcoming Amendment.

QUESTION 3: Paragraph 2.10, item b, in the Statement of Work (01010) for the Company Office Building, says "Operations communication center and commanders sleeping bathroom suite (bedroom?) will be conditioned by a split system heat pump. Toilets will be heated by electrical resistive heating units and *all other areas heated by a wood stove*" and then it says in item r. "The contractor shall use propane for heating and provide a 14 day supply." Which is correct, electrical resistance heaters or propane?

ANSWER 3: Contractor shall provide wood stoves as secondary heating source in all inhabited areas with electric resistive heaters or split-packs as primary heat source. Toilets shall have electrical resistive heating and wood stove heaters. There is no requirement for propane heating in this building. This will be corrected in a forthcoming Amendment.

QUESTION 4: Barracks/Dinning Building, paragraph 2.11 of the SOW, specifies propane heaters for sleeping rooms and dining hall with electrical

resistance for bathrooms and kitchen, but there is no specification for a propane heater in the Technical specifications. Are we going to be provided a specification for a propane heater?

ANSWER 4: No. The building will be heated by wood stoves and electrical resistive heaters or split-pack units. Propane requirement for cooking within the DFAC building has not changed. This will be corrected in a forthcoming Amendment.

QUESTION 5: Maintenance and Warehouse Building, item a in Section 2.12 of the SOW, says provide electric heating throughout the facility and then in item g, it says use propane heating and supply 14 day supply of propane. Which is correct?

ANSWER 5: Electric heating is correct. Contractor shall provide electric heaters throughout the facility. Office space and maintenance bays will have wood heaters as a secondary heat source. No propane heating is required. This will be corrected in a forthcoming Amendment.

QUESTION 6: In the Statement of Work, paragraph 2.10, it states that concrete and polystyrene panels may be used in the holding cells, armory, and vault, but does not say we can specifically use them in the exterior walls and ceiling. Our assumption is that concrete and polystyrene panels may be used throughout the facility in lieu of CMU in the buildings and may be used for the ceiling panels. Is this correct?

ANSWER 6: The assumption is not correct. The holding cells, armory, and vault require a more substantial wall than just hollow CMU blocks. The drawings require fully grouted reinforced CMU walls at these locations. The building shall be constructed in accordance with the drawings.

QUESTION 7: May concrete and polystyrene panels be used for ceilings in the three buildings.

ANSWER 7: No. The Contractor shall build as shown on the drawings.

QUESTION 8: Specifications section 01010, paragraphs 2.7.6, 2.7.7, and 2.7.8 for the Guard Shack, Guard House, and Guard Towers is called out as reinforced in-fill CMU walls and concrete ceiling. May concrete and polystyrene panels be used for these structures?

ANSWER 8: No. The Contractor shall build as shown on the drawings.

QUESTION 9: The well house also appears to be CMU block. Please confirm that concrete and polystyrene panels may be used for these structures?

ANSWER 9: No. Concrete and polystyrene panels may not be used for any structures. The Contractor shall build as shown on the drawings.

QUESTION 10: There is some inconsistency in the time identified for government review. For scheduling purpose we are assuming 14 days for Government Review as per 01335, 3.5.1. Is this correct?

ANSWER 10: Yes. The government review period is 14 days per submittal. The review time starts when the submittal is received and logged in at both locations – the resident office and the engineering office in Kabul. This will be corrected in a forthcoming amendment.

QUESTION 11: Regarding the generator fuel storage: (01015)

11.a. Is there any request for fuel filtration?

ANSWER 11.a. Yes. Filtration is required at the inlet of the fueling point. This will be corrected in a forthcoming amendment.

11.b. Is it required to fill the storage tanks by truck off-loading?

ANSWER 11.b. Yes. All fuel storage tanks shall be full at time of turnover to the Government.

QUESTION 12: Regarding vehicle fueling station: (01015). Is it required to fill the tanks with diesel and MOGAS?

ANSWER 12: Yes. There is a requirement for diesel fuel and MOGAS fuel. The fuel will be in separate tanks. Both tanks shall be full at time of turnover to the Government.

QUESTION 13: Can we use a different roofing system for building if it is covering the scope of work requirements?

ANSWER 13: No.

QUESTION 14: Should we use fully grouted CMU blocks for exterior walls although we have a concrete framing for the building?

ANSWER 14: Yes. All exterior CMU wall needs to be reinforced as shown in Structural drawings. Fully grouted with rebar reinforcement.

QUESTION 15: Section 01015 (technical requirements), para. 10.4.12 of the RFP states that the load bank shall be rated at 120KV, with 20KW, load steps. The drawing XE-2 (on line diagram) shows the load bank with 40KW. This seems to be a conflict, please confirm which rates are required.

ANSWER 15: The load bank is 40KW as shown in drawing XE-2. This will be corrected in a forthcoming Amendment.

QUESTION 16: May the bidders propose alternative design solutions, which believed to be more advantageous to Government? One particular example; Can we design reinforced concrete walls in lieu of RFP defined CMU walls, which may considerably increase construction time and provide more durable buildings.

ANSWER 16: No. Alternative designs cannot be used in the Sample Task Orders.

QUESTION 17: The pictures presented with RFP documents (W917PM-07-R-0105) show buildings within the close proximity of new compound construction areas. Are these buildings current Afghan Police buildings, inhabited by local police force? If there are certain local security elements close to construction area may be a deterrent factor against hostile attacks and reduce contractor's security costs.

ANSWER 17: The constructed facilities at some of the company compound sites may be for use of the Afghan National Police. These facilities are not part of the sample task order scope of work. The contractors shall not assume that any Afghan National Police personnel located at the project sites will assist the contractor in security assistance. Contractors are responsible for their own security.